Call for participation
"What makes a method a good itd method?"

Discussion Event of the [*ITD Alliance Working Group on Toolkits and Methods*](#)

What is it all about?

This small- and large-group event provides a platform to discuss questions on the 'rigour' of inter- and transdisciplinary (itd) methods with theorists and practitioners around the world. We base the discussion on the assumption that inter- and transdisciplinarians need to justify the validity, trustworthiness, utility, and overall appropriateness of their methods. We are challenged to establish robust and coherent descriptions of methods, to enhance the traceability of itd methods and to establish joint quality criteria.

Guided by discussion questions, we will explore how we express our commitment to 'rigour' in itd research, generate guidance for choosing and documenting the application of methods, as well as join our forces to enhance the acknowledgment of itd methods within academia.
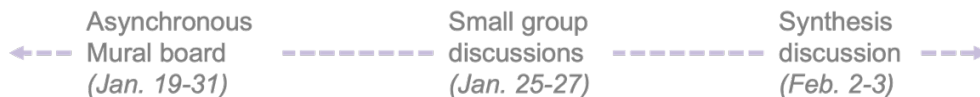
The goal of our discussions is to generate a list of key questions that must be researched or problems that must be solved to advance future conversations on 'rigour' of itd methods. Participants will be invited to form groups to start addressing these questions and problems.

Who participates?

We invite anyone involved in developing and/or critically reflecting on methods for inter- and transdisciplinarity. We also seek dialogue with allied approaches such as participatory research, mode 2 science, etc.; being attentive to commonalities and differences between these approaches.

How can I engage?

You can engage asynchronously and/or synchronously.

Asynchronous Mural board *(Jan. 19-31)* ⬅ --- Small group discussions *(Jan. 25-27)* --- Synthesis discussion *(Feb. 2-3)* ➡

1. Save some time for asynchronous contributions:

- Visit the mural board: [link](#)
  The mural board will be populated by January 19th and continuously grow.
  - Watch the welcome video and read the discussion questions
  - Post your answers to our discussion questions

2. Save the dates for synchronous discussion & register by sending an email to sibylle.studer@scnat.ch**:**

- Register for a small group discussion (approx. 1.5hours)
  - Time slot 1: January 25th, 10am EST, 4pm CET
  - Time slot 2: January 26th, 3pm EST, 9pm CET
  - ~~Time slot 3 (with demand): January 26th, 7am EST, 1am CET~~
  - ~~If all of these time slots do not suit you, please contact: sibylle.~~ *[Given the current registrations, time slots 2 won't be used. Please let us know if you had intended to participate at this date by January 23rd]* ~~send out a meeting times poll for another time slot on demand that closes at January 10 . You'll get informed about the meeting times on January 16th.~~

- Register for the synthesis event (bringing the results of the small group discussions together, approx. 45minutes)
  - February 2nd, 3pm EDT/ 9pm CET / February 3rd 7am AEDT / 9am NZDT.

We look very much forward to inspiring discussions that will further develop the field of itd methods!

For any question or comment, please contact sibylle.studer@scnat.ch.